

### REMARKS

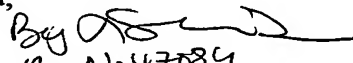
This Preliminary Amendment cancels without prejudice original claims 1 to 12 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/01917. This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 13 to 24. The new claims are believed to conform to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.

A copy of the translated application for the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/01917 is attached hereto.

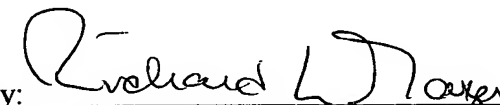
The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE03/01917 includes an International Search Report, dated September 8, 2003. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were uncovered in the underlying PCT Application. An English translation of the Search Report accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants assert that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are requested.

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